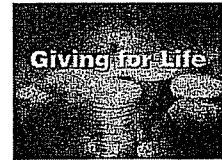




Resources for Preaching



Both Old and New Testaments have a lot to say about how God's people are to use wealth and possessions – an estimate is that the Bible has around 500 verses each on faith and on prayer, and 2,350 on money and wealth! So it would be surprising if the topics of money and wealth are not mentioned regularly in preaching and teaching.

Popular passages for preaching on stewardship are:

Deuteronomy 26: 1-15

This describes the Israelites giving a thanksgiving offering to God for all that they have received. How often do we thank God for everything we have been blessed with?

1 Chronicles 29: 1-25

David makes a personal donation towards the building of the temple before he asks for voluntary contributions. This makes a great model for a PCC!

Acts 4: 32-37

Believers in Christ show themselves to be willing to share their possessions and to make personal sacrifices in order to help others.

Romans 15: 22-29

Paul distributes a gift of money amongst the churches which represents hope and thanksgiving.

James 2: 1-7

Make no distinction between rich and poor; do not judge on appearances. This is a good justification for proportionate giving.

Some other passages which particularly lend themselves to stewardship preaching include:

<i>Theme</i>	<i>Passage</i>
God's creation	Genesis 1: 1, 26-31
Stewardship of the environment	Genesis 2: 7-9, 15-25
Jacob's pledge	Genesis 28: 16-22
Offerings for the Tabernacle	Exodus 35: 20-29 and 36: 2-7
Tithes	Leviticus 27: 30-33
God's goodness	Deuteronomy 8: 6-20
Tithes	Deuteronomy 14: 22-27
Generosity	Deuteronomy 15: 7-11
	Deuteronomy 16: 10 & 16-17
Offerings for the priests	Deuteronomy 18: 1-5
Be generous in your conduct	Deuteronomy 24: 10-22
Offerings that cost nothing	2 Samuel 24: 18-24
All things come from you	1 Chronicles 29: 10-20
Hezekiah organises the offerings	2 Chronicles 31: 2-10, 14-21
First fruits and tithes	Nehemiah 10: 35-39
Wisdom's benefits	Proverbs 3: 1-18
Proverbs about wealth	Ecclesiastes 2: 1-11
Building God's house	Haggai 1: 2-14